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SUBJECT:ILLINOIS (CHICAGO CIRCLE)-WROCLAW EXCHANGE

1. CHANCELLOR WARREN CHESTON, UNIV. OF ILLINOIS (CHICAGO CIRCLE) VISITED DEPT (CU/EE) MARCH 7 TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR ILLINOIS-WROCLAW EXCHANGE OF RESEARCHERS AND LECTURERS AT JUNIOR AND SENIOR LEVEL FOR AY 75/76. PROGRAM WILL BE FUNDED BY THE TWO PARTICIPATING UNIVERSITIES, BUT ILLINOIS HAS REQUESTED CU TRAVEL GRANTS SINCE IT IS UNABLE UNDER ILLINOIS LAW TO FUND FOREIGN TRAVEL FOR ITS PARTICIPANTS. CHESTON WILL BE SUBMITTING LETTER TO CU/EE REQUESTING TRAVEL GRANTS (ROUND TRIP CHICAGO-WROCLAW) FOR THREE GRADUATE ASSISTANTS, THREE SENIOR FACULTY AND ONE OR TWO ADMINISTRATIVE VISITS.

2. WE INFORMED CHESTON THAT DEPT FAVORS DIRECT UNIVERSITY EXCHANGES AND THAT PROSPECTS FOR TRAVEL GRANTS ARE GOOD. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY CONCURRENCE, AND WOULD PLAN TO AUTHORIZE CU GRANT TO ILLINOIS IN AMOUNT UP TO TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS, PAYABLE IN ZLOTYS, FOR TRAVEL GRANTS, USING FY 76 FUNDS. THIS MODEST ASSISTANCE BY DEPT WILL FACILITATE EXCHANGE OF SIX OR MORE US AND POLISH ACADEMICIANS ON EACH

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SIDE DURING FIRST YEAR IN AMERICAN AND POLISH STUDIES, AND

THAT US CONTRIBUTION WOULD BE FAR LESS THAN IF THIS PROGRAM
WERE CONDUCTED UNDER DEPT SPONSORSHIP. COPIES OF WROCLAW
AND ILLINOIS PROPOSALS BEING POUCHED. INGERSOLL

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